



The United Methodist Church of Port Washington

April, May & June 2018 – Newsletter

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. - Matthew 28:19

Dear Friends, Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

In Matthew 28 Jesus tells his followers, “Go and make disciples.” This is also known as the Great Commission – or in other words, a responsibility and a task. Jesus gives his disciples a task to go and share that their lives have been changed by Jesus. They now have a responsibility to go and help those who need their help and their care. Doing so, they can become a difference made and lived out in their neighborhood, in their town, in their community, and in this world.

How could we put this in a modern-day language though? – Or let me ask a different question here. When you are inside any larger building, what kind of sign do you usually notice in the hallways? It’s the sign “EXIT.” Typically, it is lit up so everybody can see it even when it’s dark.

Jesus basically tells his disciples to “exit.” He tells us the same, too. Don’t stay closed up in your church building but go out there and share the ways in which your life has been made better, deeper, and fuller. We can share it with our spouses, children, siblings, families, or friends. Focusing on good things with which God has blessed us changes us, as well as those around us.

And importantly, Jesus also asks us to “exit” and go and help those who need it. Helping others can make a difference in the lives of those we help, in our lives, as well as in our world. – Pastor David and I like the word “EXIT,” because we believe it can make our world and our community a better place. And who wouldn’t want that, right? So what do you say – or more importantly, what will you do?

In Christ, Pastor Romi

Beloveds,

Grace and peace to each of you. The last month has been an exciting one here in our congregation. Our nursery school is growing and adding two new classes, a new Hispanic congregation named Iglesia Pentecostal Jesús es Luz is worshipping three nights a week in the building, we were the host site for the March for Our Lives in response to the mass murder in Parkland, FL, and we had possibly one of the best Holy Week experiences that Pastor Romi or I have ever had with a congregation.

What a great time it has been. It is also truly a blessing to have witnessed our congregation and confirmands leading the community of Port together against gun violence, as well as to see around 1,000 people gathered together on the front lawn of the church in harmony with one another. This has really shown us that the fundamental makeup of our congregation is taking shape – and that is one moving towards social justice and a ministry centered on family, children, and close friends. We have observed this shift in the last ten months, and it shows us the Spirit is alive in this place!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hospitality hour volunteers are needed. It does not have to be difficult or expensive. Keurigs are in place and members are encouraged to bring pods. A coffee cake, cookies and grapes are the simple route and very manageable for most.

Please see Diane Burton or Susan Oliva for help or questions, or sign up with a friend!
Thank you!

As we continue to move forward together we hope to continue to hear from our beloved members, as well as those who visit periodically, about the positive changes they see and the joyful atmosphere that we, through God’s grace, are producing. As we were told by a current member, “We are so happy and proud to see once again, as in the past, the UMC is leading the Port community in civic and social responsibility.”

We are proud to call ourselves the pastors of this beloved faith community. May God’s blessings be with all of you.

Grace & peace, Pastor David

Check out our new website!

www.umcpw.org

**Podcasts of Sermon, blogs, and
upcoming events.**



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Raised Garden Bed Update

- As of April 25, 2018, we have fundraised \$2,943.55 from the congregation!
- Two grants were written – each for \$5000. One grant was denied. The other is awaiting a site visit before a final decision is made.
- Seed Cards – Thank you to Lee Fertitta who is overseeing the sale of cards with seeds embedded in them as a fundraiser for the beds.
- Contemporary Worship and the Sunday School have planted 700+ seed pods with various produce.
- Once confirmation from the second grant comes early in May, construction of the beds and transplanting will take place.
- Most importantly, produce raised will be given to local food pantries to distribute to those who may not be able to afford fresh vegetables.

March for Our Lives

On March 24, around 600 or so people marched from town in front of Weber Middle to the front lawn of our church where an additional 400 gathered for a vigil and call to action. Sixteen area clergy gathered and marched to support this action, and we heard from eight students who spoke about gun violence – including our own Anya W and Grace O.

Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Town Clerk Wayne Wink, Assemblyman Anthony D’Urso, and Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio were also in attendance.

Thank you so everyone who helped out in this endeavor, because without the congregation’s help, this would never have happened like this!



Winter Concert at the Hempstead House

The choir once again represented our congregation well at the annual Winter Concert. Many thanks to our Music Director Edmund Needham for his work with our choir, as well as his weekly contributions to our worship experience on Sunday mornings. We are blessed to have such a tremendous and talented organist and musician.

April Birthdays

6-Pat Rush
9-Cindy Ingersoll
10-Matthew Weston
19-April Micklin
20-Kelsey Weisburd
21-Maureen Peraza
22-Jon Pickow
25-Doug Paulsen
26-George Weiss

May Birthdays

1-Geraldine Romeyko
7-Blake Sealy
10-Steven Rosenbaum
10-Alicja Sandoval
17-Lebi Sandoval
20-Elaine Hirschberg
24-Jean Larkin
25-Debbie Lefton
30-Howard Johnson

June Birthdays

2-Ann Addis
3-Kayla Weisburd
7-Yun young Heo
12-Helen Duffy
24-Margot Marchenoir
27-Gloria Marmor

As some of you may already know, we have our new website up and running at our original web address, <https://UMCPW.org>. When you have some time, please take a look. We have already added some new features:

- [Sermon Podcasts](#), where you can listen to a sermon you may have missed on your Computer, phone or tablet.
- ["From our Pastors - Blog"](#) An opportunity to share insights with our new pastors.
- Join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1408259235935038/>
- Leave us your review on Yelp: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/united-methodist-church-of-port-washington-port-washington>

We sincerely hope you will like what you see, and, if you do, please share this with a friend. Please let me know if there is something you would like us to add or change. *Regards, Doug Weston*

UPCOMING EVENTS for MAY & JUNE

- **Friday Cookouts and Games:** In May and June, as the weather warms up, the church and those in the community are welcome to come and grill out together, enjoy sports and games, and s'mores and fellowship. Keep tuned for more details.
- **Bible Study on the Women of the Old Testament** is taking place every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Parlor through June 5, 2018.
- **Theology on Tap** is taking place on 4/26/18 and 5/24/18 at 7:00 pm at Finn McCool's, and will resume again in the fall.
- Sunday, May 6, 2018 – **UMW Sunday** in coordination with Linda Newby and the United Methodist Women.
- Sunday, May 13, 2018 – **Mother's Day, Children's Choir.**
- Sunday, May 20 – **Pentecost.**
- Sunday, May 27 – **Confirmation.**
- **Vacation Bible School**, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, with a snack and dinner provided (6/13/18 – 6/15/18 and 6/17/18).
- Sunday, June 17 – **Father's Day, Children's Choir, Summer Kick-Off Church Picnic** w/ outdoor activities for the children. Children's Program during the worship service: Children will teach us what they learned during VBS.

A note from Nancy Sutherland

Our Sunday school is happy to report a successful VBS on good Friday and a really joyful Easter Sunday! We worked to celebrate Earth Day with the congregation two Sundays ago, which was Earth Day. We are also spending time packing and re-organizing our Sunday school materials as we move out of our classrooms and into a new location to enable child's world to expand. Our confirmands are meeting regularly with pastor David and myself as they prepare for their confirmation at the end of May. Our children's choir meets at 9 AM every Sunday for practice and Miss Dorothy is teaching them so much about music and the Lord.



Eleven UMCPW members went to the Passover Women's Seder at the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore on March 11. Thank you to those who attended!

Lent and Holy Week

Thank you to Pat Rush for leading the Lenten Supper and Book Study! This season was a real blessing for all involved. Even though it was hard work putting it all together, it was a magnificent way to worship our Lord and join together in fellowship.



Maundy Thursday

Left - Congregational Meal, followed by Holy Communion
Pastor David grilled salmon and those in attendance brought side dishes, breads, desserts, and wine.

We hosted a **Good Friday VBS** (right) for the children with the help from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. We had about 30 children in attendance between the UMC and the Lutheran Church. Many thanks to Nancy Sutherland, Beth Weisburd, Diane



Burton, Dottie Bheddah, Susan Oliva, Dorothy Kim and Steven for helping to organize this wonderful opportunity for the children and families to learn and grow. Pastor Vogeley was very appreciative of our two churches working together on this event.



We had two **Good Friday** worship services, one at 11:00 am and the second service with the Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm (3/30/18). Many thanks to Ed Needham and the Choir for their ministry of music.

A **Holy Saturday Breakfast** (left) was hosted at the Parsonage, with a Meditative Prayer Worship Service on the back porch (3/31/18). Many thanks to all who came by. The prayer breakfast was followed by the church decorating and preparations for the Easter worship services and the **First Annual Easter Event**. Special thanks to Beth Weisburd, Diane Burton, Nancy Sutherland and Pat Rush for all their help with the decorating and the set up (lower left). Many thanks to Lee Fertitta for washing and pressing the altar cloths.

Many thanks to Nancy Sutherland and all who made the UMC's **Easter Sunrise Worship** service a beautiful, enriching experience (4/1/18). Many thanks to the candidates for confirmation, their parents, Nancy Sutherland, and all who helped to clean the beach. (lower right)



Easter Sunday Worship was beautiful with the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Children's Play. Many thanks to all who helped to make this worship service a beautiful, enriching experience for so many. The First Annual Easter Event, immediately following the worship service (4/1/18). The wooden cross, hospitality tables and chairs were set up outside. Easter egg hunt, bubbles, s'mores, decorating the cookies, Easter Hat contest, and hay rides were offered to those in attendance, as well as to those in the community. A few Child's World families attended, as did people who were not in worship. Many thanks to Beth Weisburd, Diane and Richard Burton, Nancy Sutherland, Dorothy Kim, Dottie Bheddah, and all who helped to make this event a success. Many thanks to the children who helped to spread the eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Many thanks to Beth Weisburd for donating the prizes for the Easter Hat contest.



Earth Day – worship was followed by planting of the fruit trees, games, and fellowship outside. Just like during the Easter Event, we were joined by people in the community and from Child's World



SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY & AUGUST
NEWSLETTER NEED TO BE TO PASTOR DAVID BY
JUNE 10!

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